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While current chief is on medical leave

New Brockton Council appoints Dale Grimes as acting police chief

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council met Monday evening, May 7, for its regular monthly meeting and council member Ralph Medley led the meeting in the absence of Mayor Kathy Holley.

Also unable to attend the meeting was council member Eddie Cordle.

In a recommendation from the mayor, the council approved a new interim police chief for the Town of New Brockton.

Current police chief Jimmy Duke is on an extended medical leave, and according to a letter from the mayor, it is unknown exactly when he would be able to return to duty. Therefore, during the time of his absence, the mayor noted that she felt it in the best interest of the town to appoint an interim police chief.

The name and face would be one very recognizable to New Brockton citizens as the mayor's letter indicated former police chief Dale Grimes had agreed to accept the interim job.

Upon the recommendation of the mayor, the coun-

cil voted unanimously to appoint Dale Grimes as acting police chief at the pay rate for the police chief until which time Chief Duke is able to return to the job.

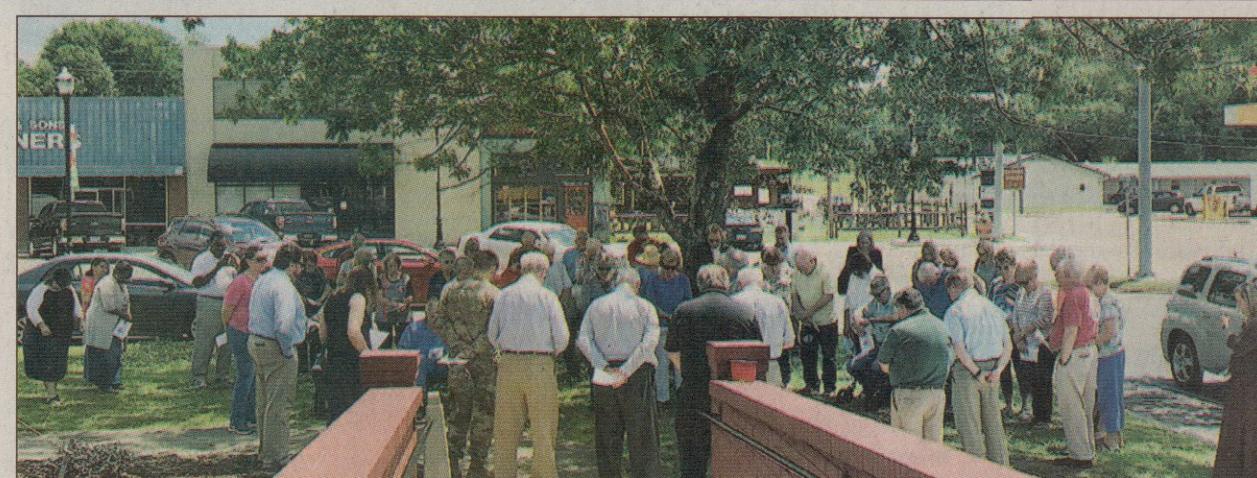
Grimes was in attendance for the meeting, and he thanked council members for appointing him as acting chief in the interim.

"Thank you for the opportunity to serve New Brockton again," Grimes said. "This means a great deal to me."

Grimes will remain an employee of the Coffee County Sheriff's Department also while serving as acting police chief; however, he left a position with the Elba Police Department to take on the new appointment for New Brockton.

Council member Medley noted there would be a Dedication Ceremony on Saturday, May 11, at 10 a.m. at the flagpole outside the town hall office in memory of former council member the late Sonny Eads. He said a bench would be dedicated to this spot in memory of

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A group of just over 50 citizens gathered last Thursday, May 2, at noon for a National Day of Prayer event in Elba. Several of Elba's pastors/ministers joined the citizens and led prayers for the local, state, and federal leaders, local schools, first responders, churches, military and more.

National Day of Prayer event held May 2nd in Elba

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Ministerial Association held a National Day of Prayer event in Elba last Thursday, May 2, just outside the Coffee County

Courthouse on the square in Elba.

The event was attended by just over 50 citizens as they joined the local pastors/ministers in praying for the nation, state, and local



Minister Philip Box speaks during the National Day of Prayer event held in Elba last Thursday, May 2nd.

area. The group also prayed specifically for the federal government, first responders, churches, military, and local schools.

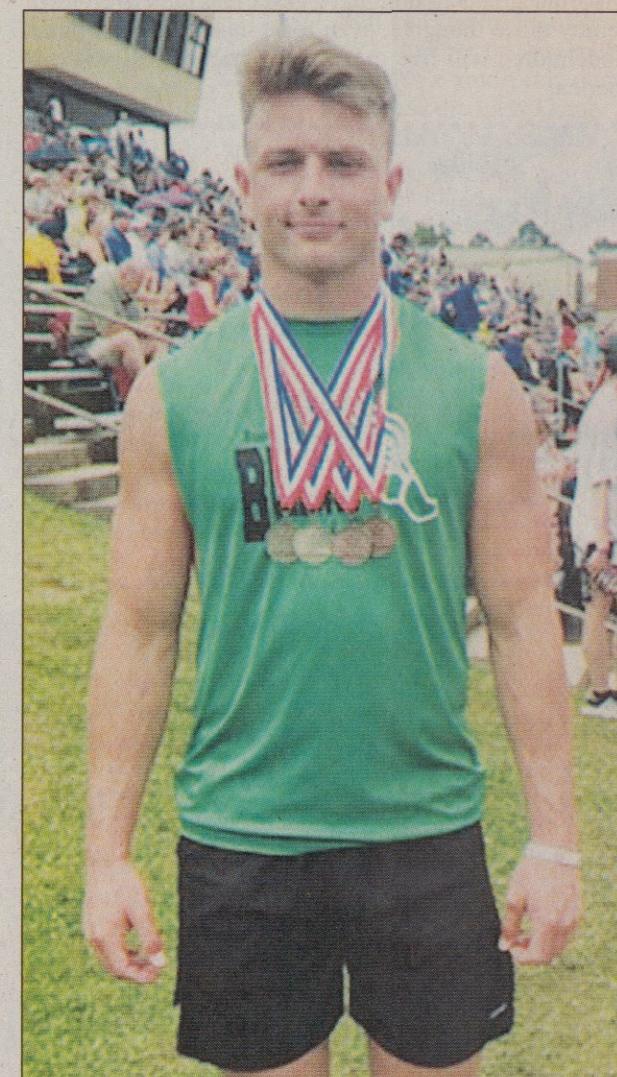
Minister Philip Box, of the Elba Church of Christ, welcomed everyone to the event, and shared the importance of being able to gather at events such as last Thursday's and pray. He thanked the citizens for being there before offering the opening prayer.

The theme for this year's National Day of Prayer was "Love One Another" and it focused on a passage from the Bible found in the book of John. [John 13:34 says "Love one another just as I have loved you."]

In attendance was Elba Mayor Mickey Murdock, and he too thanked those in

attendance for taking a few moments from their day to come together on Elba's courthouse square to join in prayer. The mayor gave the closing benediction prayer before the group returned to their normal daily activities.

Before completing adjourning, the crowd, Minister Box updated the group on several projects led by the Elba Ministerial Association, including the local food bank and the upcoming Baccalaureate service for Elba High School seniors set for Sunday, May 19, at 3 p.m. at the Elba First Assembly of God Church, located on Highland Drive in Elba. He encouraged the citizens to join in local ministers in continuing to make these programs successful in Elba.



Brantley High School's Parker Driggers
Brantley senior wins state championship
in two AHSAA track events at state meet

High School for Class 1A-3A.

Driggers won first place in the 100-meter dash Saturday, May 4, with a winning time of 11.06 seconds. He also brought home the first place medal in shot put throwing for a distance of 47'5".

Parker finished second in the 200-meter dash finals clocking a time of 23.30. Winner Tyrell Pierce of Loachapoka won with a 23.08 time.

The Brantley boys relay team brought home the third place medal in the 4 x 100 meter relay with a combined time of 45 seconds.

To assist with trip to Nationals in California this summer

Elba High School Alumni Association makes donation to FCCLA

The Elba High School Alumni Association delivered a check this week that supports its mission to assist Elba City Schools with needs as they arise.

The recipient of the check presented Tuesday morning, May 8, by alumni association president Linda Hodge was the Elba High School FCCLA. More particularly, the three FCCLA students that recently qualified to compete at nationals for FCCLA this summer in California.

The students receiving a bid to Nationals June 30-July 4 in Anaheim, California were juniors Lauren Haley and Elizabeth Woodham, and sophomore Collin Harrison.

To participate at the FCCLA Nationals competitions, the students must dress in a particular uniform, and the Elba program was in need of acquiring portions of the uniform to complete the dress for the

Elba students. That is where the Elba High School Alumni Association decided to help.

"Seeing a need for these students to have the required uniform, the officers of the Elba H i g h S c h o o l A l u m n i Association agreed this was a need the association could certainly fill," H o d g e said.

"The members of the association charge the officers

with the duties of helping with needs of the schools, teachers and students. In our opinion, this perfectly fit

that desire of the association."

Christina Morgan, co-ordinator of the Elba Career Academy, researched the

uniform pieces, and found that it would take \$323 to properly outfit the three students for Nationals.

On Tuesday of this week, Hodge delivered a check to the students in the amount of \$323.

"I told the students worrying about their uniforms should not be something placed on their shoulders, and the Alumni Association is proud to be able to assist them by donating the funds to purchase the uniform pieces needed to complete their outfits for nationals," alumni association president Linda Hodge said.

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the uniform pieces, and found that it would take \$323 to properly outfit the three students for Nationals. And, we are very happy to be able to assist them in this small manner. I did encourage the students to consider joining the alumni association when they graduate from Elba High School because that will allow them to also be able to help future Elba Tigers."

"I told the students worrying about their uniforms should not be something placed on their shoulders, and the Alumni Association is proud to be able to assist them by donating the funds to purchase the uniform pieces needed to complete their outfits for nationals," Hodge said.

"Presenting these scholarships each year is a tremendous hour for our organization," Hodge said. "I look forward to making those presentations on behalf of our alumni on May 15th."

For anyone interested in joining the Elba High School Alumni Association, the annual membership fee is \$20 and can be mailed to Elba High Alumni Association, PO Box 182, Elba, AL 36323.

Area Happenings

COFFEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT will hold its monthly board meeting Thursday, May 9, at 10 a.m., at the Alabama Forestry Commission Board Room, 1155 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Ala.

THE COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION will conduct a called meeting of the board Thursday, May 9, at 10 a.m., at the board's office, located on Reddoch Hill in Elba.



Elba High School FCCLA students (from left) Elizabeth Woodham, Lauren Haley, and Collin Harrison will represent their school and city this summer at the FCCLA Nationals event in Anaheim, California. On Tuesday morning, May 8, the students accepted a check from the Elba High School Alumni Association that will fund the purchase of uniform needs the students have to meet "dress requirements" for the nationals competition. The check was presented by EHS Alumni Association president Linda Hodge.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some hire public relations officers" - Daniel J. Boorstin

Some group using the name "Monmouth University Polling Institute" published a poll this week indicating that 57% of Americans believe socialism is not compatible with American values. That really bothers us. Socialism is NOT what made this country great and it is not what will help this country survive all the changes in our daily lives plus those unknowns coming down the pike. Yet almost half (43%) of our citizens apparently think differently. Oh, it is nice to have our social security check come in each month but that was not originally designed as a slush fund to pay for all our wants and needs. Having the government pay all our medical bills sounds great, but there would always be strings attached... like which doctor you can see... what hours this doctor is on the clock... the list goes on and on and includes the horrible thought of... "is this person worth saving?" Then there is the fact that any real money put into the system will come from someone's pocket... and there aren't enough of the rich folks to fund society in spite of what some political types would lead us to think.

If you like polls here are some more results for you to chew on today. Two polls this week show Donald Trump with the highest ratings of his political career. The Gallop Poll has him at 46 percent and a firm called Rasmussen puts him at 50 percent. Comparing with other recent presidents, Obama was at 44 percent, George W. Bush at 70 percent, Reagan at 44 percent and George H. W. Bush at 76 percent at this point in their first term. Note that Bush 41 got the highest in the polls but did not get re-elected.

Oh, right now former Vice President Joe Biden is leading the Democratic 'herd' of over twenty candidates in the polls. Biden is at 44 percent and his closest opponent is Senator Bernie Sanders at 20 percent. That is in a poll taken in Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina.

All that data above will get you a cup of coffee at Starbucks... if you have a few bucks to accompany that info.

A couple of weeks ago Steve Renau our pastor at the Elba United Church moved up a notch in our book. It followed one of the many mass church shootings being experienced in the US and around the world. His impressive comments were something like the following: "We are all children of God and as such we denounce violence to anyone regardless of their religion." His comments also included the words Christian, Jewish, Muslim and other religions. Even as a child we understood and were proud of the fact that America didn't have the mob violence being reported all around the world. We recall the first time our rambling thoughts came together to note it as a source of pride in our home country. France was battling one of its many, many battles with these terrorist attacks and our childish chest swelled with pride that it was not happening here. No longer do we brag about that now-lost distinction. Worse, our grandchildren have never had the opportunity to enjoy those thoughts, even for a minute. Maybe their grandchildren will live to again experience that pride in America.

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A HOMERUN TO REMEMBER...Elba High senior Amaysia Whitfield hit her first homerun last Tuesday, April 30, during the area tournament. The homerun came during Elba's last game of the season as the team eventually would fall to Kinston 4-3; however, it will live forever in the memories of the Whitfield family as it was Amaysia's last at bat in her final softball game for the Elba Tigers! She is shown above kissing her homerun ball after the exciting moment. Amaysia is the daughter of Nick and Angel Whitfield of Elba.

Most adults in U.S. at low risk for measles

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) continues working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to investigate potential cases of measles in the state. These adults include:

- Students at post-high school educational institutions
- Healthcare personnel
- International travelers
- CDC clarification of vaccine recommendations:
- There is no recommendation for an adult catch-up program for persons born before 1989.

The investigation is ongoing and additional testing is being done.

Clarification received from the CDC provides recommendations for adult vaccine as follows: One dose of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) or other presumptive immunity is sufficient protection for most U.S. adults born on or after 1957. Other presumptive evidence of measles immunity includes:

- Birth before 1957
- Laboratory evidence of immunity
- Laboratory confirmation of disease

Certain adults are

considered at high risk and need two doses of MMR, each dose separated by at least 28 days, unless they have other presumptive evidence of measles immunity, as listed above. These adults include:

• Students at post-high school educational institutions

• Healthcare personnel

• International travelers

• CDC clarification of vaccine recommendations:

• There is no recommendation for an adult catch-up program for persons born before 1989.

• There is no recommendation for vaccination campaigns among adults or individuals in non-affected areas to prevent measles outbreaks.

At this time, the ADPH continues to recommend that infants and children be vaccinated at 12 months and 4 years of age. From the time a person is exposed to measles, it can take 7-21 days for signs and symptoms to occur, with an average of 10-14 days. People are contagious from four days before the rash develops until four days afterward.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Monday, April 29, and Sunday, May 5, made the following arrests: three on warrants, two for possession of a controlled substance, one for possession of drug paraphernalia, one for public intoxication, one for disorderly conduct, and one for possession of marijuana.

There were four traffic citations and 18 traffic warnings [verbal and written] issued by Elba Police officers during the timeframe of April 29-May 5.

MONDAY, APR. 29 - Officers responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident on Claxton Ave (7:37 a.m.); Officers responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident on Tiger Dr (7:57 a.m.); Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person on County Rd 410 - advice was given to the suspicious person (10:36 a.m.); Officers responded to a domestic dispute in the lobby of the police department (12:07 p.m.); Officers responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Hwy 87 and Hwy 203 (12:11 p.m.); Officers responded to a domestic dispute on Sawyer St

- one arrest was made for warrants with Elba (9:39 p.m.).

TUESDAY, APR. 30 - Officers responded to a call on Morrow Ave in reference to a verbal altercation between two subjects - one subject was arrested (12:00 a.m.); Officers responded to a business on Court Ave in reference to an altercation between two individuals (11:48 a.m.); Officers met with a complainant regarding theft of property (3:56 p.m.); Officers assisted Coffee County deputies with a traffic stop - one arrest made for warrants from Elba (10:23 p.m.); Officer advised he was out with subjects who appeared to be arguing beside the road on Hwy 203 (10:37 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 - Report of stolen property at a residence on Martin Luther King Dr (7:26 a.m.); Report of a suspicious person in area of Legion Field on Neil Grantham Dr - subject was arrested for being intoxicated in public (8:01 p.m.).

THURSDAY, MAY 2 - Officers were out with a

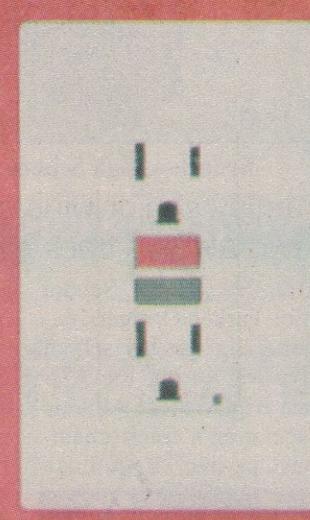
suspicious subject in the area of Larkin Rd - gave the subject a ride to the Travel Center (2:41 a.m.); Officers were out with a suspicious motorcycle near Gene's Auto Sales - officers were able to get the motorcycle and its operator on their way (2:43 a.m.); Officers responded to the area of Kennedy Dr to assist Haynes with a medical call (9:25 a.m.); Two-vehicle accident reported in area of Hwy 84 near the bridge (10:32 a.m.); Report of shots fired on Sollie Dr (11:51 a.m.); Motor vehicle accident reported in area of Hwy 203 (12:47 p.m.); Officers met with a complainant in reference to theft of property (12:58 p.m.); Officers responded to the area of Carver Dr to assist Haynes with a medical call (11:41 p.m.).

SATURDAY, MAY 4 - Officers responded to assist a motorist on Reynolds St - situation resolved (12:27 a.m.); Report of a suspicious vehicle on Ann St - vehicle was located and subjects advised to leave the area (12:52 a.m.); Arrest warrant served at the Elba Police Dept. (1:53 a.m.); Officers responded to a shooting on County Rd 502 - victim was transported by ambulance to a local hospital and one subject was taken into custody with an ongoing investigation (1:51 p.m.); Harassment reported on Simmons St - report taken (3:54 p.m.); Theft of property reported on County Rd 505 (11:02 p.m.).

SUNDAY, MAY 5 - Officers responded to a report of a party with loud music and possible gunshots at a residence on Thomas St - officers advised the party was shut down (12:32 a.m.); Officers advised they were out with an individual in the median of the road on Hwy 203 - EMS was requested to the scene (2:34 a.m.); Officers responded to a dispute call on Drayton Ave - all parties agreed to separate (6:29 a.m.); Officers responded to a call of a possible fire on Old Curtis Rd (4:02 p.m.); Officers responded to a call of Coffee County deputy needed assistance on Hwy 87 N - call was cancelled prior to Elba unit arriving on scene (5:30 p.m.); Officer met with a complainant at a business on Hwy 203 in reference to a stolen dog (8:06 p.m.); Officer met with a complainant on Caroline St in reference to a stolen gun (9:04 p.m.); Officers responded to a call of two people fighting on Williams Ave - all parties separated (10:44 p.m.).

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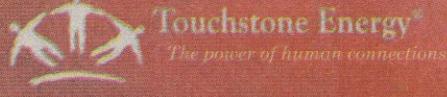


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Obituaries

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ELEANOR JEANETTE PRICE

Mrs. Eleanor Jeanette Price, age 87, of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, May 4, 2019, at her residence.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 7, 2019, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Larry Mills officiating. Burial services followed in the Woodland Grove Community Cemetery.

Mrs. Price was preceded in death by her parents, Riley & Ida Newman; and a son, Terry Price.

Survivors include her sons: Travis Price and Ronnie (Virginia) Price; daughters: Marilyn (Earl) Byrd, Melissa (Terry Mac) Hughes, and Melinda Rodgers; brother: Larry Pope; and sisters: Julia Brooks and Linda Smith, all of Elba.

EMMA JUNE HARDY

Mrs. Emma June Hardy, age 83 of Plato, Mo., died

Tuesday, April 30, 2019, in Columbia, Mo.

Funeral services will be

Thursday, May 9, 2019, at 11 a.m., at Memorial Funeral Home in West Columbia, Mo. Burial with graveside services will be Monday, May 13, at 2 p.m., at Ft. Leonard Wood Veteran's Cemetery. Memorial donations in memory may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association in care of the funeral home.

Emma was born February 3, 1936 in Coffee County, Alabama, the daughter of Howard Dixon Walker and Lema (Rice) Walker. In 1953 she was united in marriage to Bennie Hardy, who preceded her in death.

Emma spent her career working as a civil servant. She was an officer in her local union at Fort Leonard Wood. She enjoyed her involvement Toastmasters, the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association. She loved to tend her garden each year. Emma was preceded in death her husband, Bennie; one brother, David Walker; and one son, Billy Hardy.

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Survivors include her children: Robert (Kay) Hardy, Dora Moser, Brian (Carol) Hardy, and Paul Hardy; a daughter-in-law: Beth Hardy; her siblings: Faye, James, John, Harold, Richard, Florence, Charles, Kathy, and Karen; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

WILLIAM G. MOTE

Mr. William "Bill" G. Mote, age 87, of Glenwood, Ala., died Thursday afternoon, May 2, 2019, at the Troy Medical Center, Troy, Ala.

Funeral services were held Sunday, May 5, 2019 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, Ala., with Rev. Brian McLendon officiating. Burial followed in the Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife: Jeanette C. Mote, Glenwood; daughter: Sherry Lynn Wright, Panama City, Fla.; son: Robbie (Christy) Mote, Huntsville, Ala.; 11 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

DON BOOTHE

Mr. Don Boothe, age 56, of the Pine Level Community, died Saturday, May 4, 2019, at his home.

In accordance to his wishes, no formal services will be held. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba assisted the Boothe family.

HEATHER RENEE' HOLLEY

Ms. Heather Renee' Holley, age 41, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, May 5, 2019, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 8, 2019, at 11 a.m. from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Sam Self officiating. Burial followed in the New Home Cemetery in the Basin community with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Visitation was at Hayes Funeral Home on Wednesday, from 10-11 a.m. The family requested the omission of flowers and asked those wishing to

make memorials to please do so to the American Diabetes Association, c/o P.O. Box 15829, Arlington, VA 22215 in memory of Heather.

She was preceded in death by a son, Blaine Steven Blue.

Survivors include her parents: Ann and James Rickey Holley, daughter: Kayedance Baxley, sister: Brittany (Dustin) Hunt, and niece: Maggie Hunt, all of Elba.

POLLY ANN MITCHELL

Mrs. Polly Ann Mitchell, age 67, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, May 5, 2019, at her home.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 8, 2019, at 3 p.m. from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Kerry Mitchell officiating. Burial followed in the Calvary Baptist Church Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Flossie Barbee Richards and Hayes Richards; husband, James Marshall Mitchell; daughter, Janice Parrish; two sisters, Hazel Mitchell and Joann Johnson; and her brother, Corkey Richards.

Survivors include her sons: Mark Edward (Pamela) Spann, Chancellor, Ala.; James (Sherry) Mitchell, Elba; daughters: Elizabeth (Lee) Snell and Wanda Thomas, both of Elba; Christina Marie Strops, Chancellor; and 11 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.



A KINSTON MINI VOLLEYBALL CAMP was held last week at the school with young ladies in grades K-6 participating. The camp instructors taught the girls about the basic skills of volleyball. The smiles shown above are a pretty good indication of a fun time had by all!

TOWN

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Eads. The bench is being donated by the New Brockton Beautification committee.

A review of the financial report showed a balance in the general fund at the end of April in the amount of \$199,682.41.

Town clerk Debbie Andrews said income for the month of April was \$67,777.44.

Council members voted to pay the regular monthly bills for May, which Andrews said were estimated to be \$11,319.09. She said not all of the bills had arrived by the meeting time; therefore, the amount was estimated based on the previous month's bills.

Medley announced the New Brockton Town offices would be closed Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day.

The council will meet Monday, May 20, at 6 p.m. for the monthly work session, and the next council meeting is set for Monday, June 3, at 6 p.m.



LBW Community College in Opp recently recognized Vickey Lane of Elba, right, with the 2019 Mathematical Award of Excellence, presented by Michelle Goosby, math faculty.



LBW Community College Associate Dean of Institutional Advancement Dr. Arlene Davis, left, congratulates Cierra Jackson of Kinston for receiving the Columbia Foundation/Sybil Barton Memorial Scholarship for the 2019-2020 academic year through the LBWCC Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the College's mission through scholarships and other programs.



The Basin Baptist Church children's and adult choirs sang together Saturday, May 4, to kickoff the annual Basin Community Gathering event (shown above). The Basin choirs were able to sing a couple of songs under the 'big tent' before the event had to be moved inside due to inclement weather. Despite the afternoon thunderstorms, those in attendance still were able to enjoy entertainment and a great BBQ meal. The event is the first Saturday of May each year.



OBITUARY FOR SIBURLINE MODLIN

Mrs. Siburline Modlin, age 89, of Jack, Ala., departed this life Friday, May 3, 2019, at Elba Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Elba, Alabama.

Funeral services were held Sunday, May 5, 2019, at 4:00 p.m., from Zion Chapel Baptist Church with Rev. Cary Maulden officiating. Committal services followed in the Zion Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include her daughter: Selena Modlin (Roy Ellis "Buddy" King, Troy, Ala.); sister: Roxie W. Smart, Jack, Ala.; and grandson: Roy B. (Clare) King, Columbus, Miss.

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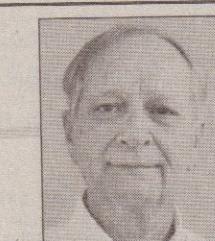
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LIFESTYLES

Local UDC chapter commemorates three members

The Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker 2534 Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy recently held its 13th Annual Confederate History and Heritage luncheon.

The Chapter has three granddaughters of Confederate veterans included in its membership. These ladies were issued a special invitation to be honored at the luncheon. They are Patricia Howard, and two sisters, Tommey Byrd and Jeanette Byrd Moates.

The program began with the invocation given by Chapter Chaplain Cathy Odom, followed by salutes and pledge to the flags led by Chapter members and songs led by Georgia Fleming. The salute to the Christian flag was led by Cathy Odom, followed by the singing of How Firm a Foundation; the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Pat Richter followed by the singing of the National Anthem; the salute to the Alabama flag was led by Donna Clark, followed by the singing of the state song, Alabama, and the salute to the Confederate flag was led by Patsy Stephens, followed by the singing of Dixie's Land.

Welcome and introduc-



Georgia Fleming (left) presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Patricia Howard (right), the granddaughter of Confederate veteran Elijah Dekel.

tions were given by Chapter President Georgia Fleming. A special presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to Pat Howard; while Byrd and Moates were unable to be at the gathering.

Howard's grandfather, Elijah Dekel, was born in Thomas County, Georgia in 1848. During the War Between the States he served with credit in Scott's Fifth Florida Battalion. In 1866, when 20 years old, he began working at a mercantile establishment in Marianna, Florida. In 1867 he opened a mercantile business of his

own. In 1896 he moved to Chipley, Florida where he made banking his principal business. He became president of the First National Bank of Chipley, the First National Bank of Graceville and Director of the Bank of Bonifay. Among his other businesses was a lumber company, a gin and he also served as a member of the Chipley city Council for several years. In 1867 he married Fanny Clara Daniel of Jackson County Florida. They had two daughters and one son.

Byrd and Moates' grandfather, Thomas A. Byrd, was 21 years old when he first enlisted as a private in 7th Regiment Alabama infantry; re-enlisting 26 August 1862 in Ozark, Alabama, in Company D, 53rd Alabama Partisan Rangers. While in service Thomas was shot through the ankle; his granddaughter, Tommey, remembered that the wound never completely healed, there being no antibiotics at the time, and had to be dressed every day of his life. Thomas married Catherine Mullins; they had 12 children, all of whom lived to maturity. He was a prominent farmer in the Coffee County area. He died in 1937 at the age of 97.

Guest speaker, Wayne Brunson, delivered a very interesting and informative program on the USS Bloomer, a stern-wheel steamer built in 1856 at New Albany, Indiana. The Bloomer was laid up at the outbreak of the War in the Choctawhatchee River, about a mile south of Geneva, Ala.

A commemorative poem, *Poem for Confederate Memorial Day*, by Scott Reeves was read by Pat Richter.

Patsy Stephens, assisted by Cathy Odom, presented a special Memorial to Confederate Veterans; a table set of symbolism in remembrance of their bravery, sacrifices and heroism. Each person present was then asked to stand and pay tribute to their Confederate ancestor by giving his name, rank and regiment.

The Petition for Grace was given by Cathy Odom. Lunch was provided by members of the Rucker Chapter and was enjoyed by those present. Following the luncheon, announcements were made by President Fleming.



The 2019 Miss Coffee County queens are: (front l to r) Miss Petite Coffee County Amelia Kay Wilks, Little Miss Coffee County Audrey Katherine James, and Future Little Miss Coffee County Khloe Maund; (back l to r) Teen Miss Coffee County Emily Turner, Miss Coffee County Madison Conner Sieving; and PreTeen Miss Coffee County Maci McCarty.

Winners crowned for 2019 Miss Coffee County pageants

Winners in the 2019 Miss Coffee Pageants were crowned Saturday night, May 4. The pageant is sponsored by the New Brockton Service League.

Winners and runners-up in each category were as follows:

Future Little Miss

Photogenic Winner Khloe Maund
Interview Winner Lily Kate Davis
2nd runner up Lily Kate Davis
1st runner up Hartlyn Kerrigan
Future Little Miss Coffee County Khloe Maund

Little Miss

Photogenic Winner Aletta Hall
Written Winner Ryleigh Marler
Stage and Verbal Winner Addisyn Pollard
Interview Winner Audrey Katherine James
4th Runner up Lexie Cook
3rd runner up Kaleigh Greathouse
2nd runner up Addisyn Pollard
1st runner up Ryleigh Marler
Little Miss Coffee County Audrey Katherine James

Petite Miss

Photogenic and Interview Winner- Amelia Kay Wilks
3rd Runner Up Janya Jones

Coffee County Republican Club meeting set for Monday, May 13, in Enterprise

The Coffee County Republican Club (CCRC) will meet Monday, May 13, at 6 p.m., at Po Folks Restaurant in Enterprise.

The guest speaker will be Dothan attorney Valerie Judah, who will discuss civil asset forfeiture and associated issues, including protection of individual

constitutional rights.

Senate Bill 191, sponsored by Decatur Senator Arthur Orr (R), is designed to make the state's civil asset forfeiture practices more just and equitable. Under Alabama's civil asset forfeiture policies, police are able to seize personal property from citizens without a criminal charge or conviction if they find probable cause to believe the property could be connected to a crime. In order to regain their property, owners not convicted of crimes must go through a court process to prove the property was not connected to a crime.

Judah, a general practice lawyer, has been representing and defending clients in Alabama since 1999. She recently represented a client to recover assets seized under the provisions of the law.

Social time for the meeting begins at 6 p.m., and the program starts at 6:30. Guests will be ordering off the menu.

For additional information, contact CCRC Chairman Ed Foy at 334-494-4663.

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I am excited to announce the opening of LillieAnne's in the Elba business community.

You may ask, "Who is LillieAnne?" LillieAnne is a combination of two special ladies in my life. "Miss Lillie" Johnson, my grandmother-in-law, and Annette Johnson (Anne) my mother-in-law. Each contributed to the inspiration of this business. Lillie represented a style of grace and beauty, and Annette represented the entrepreneurial spirit and business savvy.

Both my husband, Tim, and I grew up in Elba and love our hometown. After a stint away in college and starting our careers we fulfilled a portion of a joint dream, to make Elba our home and raise our family.

After working in local industry, we joined fulltime in a family business of operating H&R Block franchises, and before selling that business in 2014, we had expanded to an operation covering a large portion of Alabama. In 2011 we bought a block of buildings in downtown Elba in need of repair and demolition. The buildings we repaired are the home of H&R Block, Johnson Realty, Red Cross and now LillieAnne's.

Business enhances business. The addition of LillieAnne's will complement the other unique shops in Elba, and add another local shopping venue.

LillieAnne's is a two-pronged venture. The retail shop has come after the establishment of a traveling, popup shop that moves to various locations serving as an avenue of fund raising for various businesses and causes.

We feel honored to be a part of the Elba business community and look forward to continuing to help with the success in the revitalization of Elba.

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A EULOGY FOR A FRIEND I NEVER MET

Faith. It's a word we throw around a lot in church. One simple way of defining faith is belief without proof. In Christian faith we are asked to believe in a god we cannot see (or hear, or touch etc.) That is difficult. Faith is a struggle for me. Some people don't like to hear that from a pastor. Sure, there are days that faith is easy. It's easy to feel God when holding a new baby or see God while admiring a bright rainbow. Other days God seems so distant...like God has gone on an extended vacation.

To me, God seems absent when I look out into much of humanity. The world seems to be full of individuals and groups aimed, ready and active at spewing hate. Unfortunately, lots of this hate comes from "Christians." Christians: the very people who are supposed to be the "love one another" people. Christians: the very people who are to imitate Christ in word and action. This makes it difficult to believe in the love of these Christians...and I'm afraid...to believe in the God in which the faith proclaims.

Doubting something that I've built my whole life around is terrifying! Can doubt and faith exist in my brain, heart and soul at the same time? Am I the only one feeling this way? One thing that helps me in these seasons of despair is to hear from other believers who have dealt with similar issues.

Years ago I stumbled upon a blog by a young writer named Rachel Held Evans. Though blogging was already common at the time, there was something uncommon about Rachel's posts. There was something refreshing and honest about her personal revelations and reflections of her faith journey and The Church universal. Rachel was willing to call out the abuses, deficits and broken places in The Church. She was honest and transparent about her feelings and beliefs...and she was hated for it. Her critics reacted: *How dare she question God! How dare she question her faith!*

Rachel has this (amongst many other things) to say about faith: "Faith is a risk. Like any significant relationship in your life, your relationship with God is a risk that you take. Faith isn't about having it all linked up and believing everything 100%. It's about following Jesus even when it's not entirely clear, even when you don't have it all figured out."

Though the online trolls swarmed daily, Rachel humbly, calmly and graciously went about the work that she was called to. Rachel was a modern-day prophet amongst us (and we don't always like what prophets have to say). She held up a mirror to us and showed us that we can do better...that we can be better. In a world where droves of people are leaving our congregations, Rachel said that she, too, has wanted to leave Christianity behind. She asked those of us struggling with doubt to pause, reassess and take a chance on wrestling with our faith...wrestling with God.

Rachel Held Evans died suddenly on Saturday. She was 37 years old. She left behind a husband, 3-year-old son, and 11-month-old daughter. We have lost an important Church leader. We have lost a brave voice. You may have never heard of her before. Rachel has written several books in her short life that have breathed life into my soul and the souls of many other Christians weary of the problems of Christianity and The Church. She has helped me see God's fingerprints on each person on the planet. She has helped me lean in to my calling as a pastor. She has been a person who allowed herself to be used by God to help awaken The Kingdom and help us refocus on The Mission. I have a challenge for you, reader, today: Read the words of Rachel Held Evans. You can check out her blog posts and/or books. You can hear her voice on videos. No matter your reaction to her opinions, you will sense that she was serious about her faith. You will know that she cared deeply for The Church and wanted desperately to help others to know and love Jesus.

May we, too, be willing to have open ears to the voice of God that continues to speak today.



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Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
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Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
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Wed. Bible Class ... 6:30 p.m.

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CHURCH

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Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
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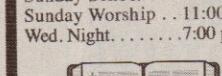
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Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
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Church Service ... 9:00 a.m.
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Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE
CHURCH

Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night ... 7:00 p.m.



CHURCH NEWS

Mother's Day Gospel Singing set for May 11th at LBWCC campus in Opp

There will be a Mother's Day Gospel singing Saturday, May 11, at 6 p.m., at the LBWCC Mac Arthur Campus Conference Center in Opp, Ala.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church planning May 19th Homecoming Services

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, located at Mixson's Crossroads, will host its annual Homecoming service Sunday, May 19, beginning at 10 a.m.

Old Southern Gospel will open with service at 10 a.m. with a music program, and

150th anniversary celebration of Shady Grove AMEC set for Sunday, May 19th

The 150th Anniversary of Shady Grove African Methodist Episcopal Church, 768 County Road 345, Elba, will be celebrated Sunday, May 19, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Minister Beverly Daniels, Harris Temple COGIC, Elba.

**Church
News is
due on
Mondays!**

Family Fun Day set for June 1st at Mt. Olive Baptist Church

Family Fun Day at Mount Olive Baptist Church - Pine Level Community will be celebrated Saturday, June 1, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Baccalaureate set for May 19 for Elba seniors

The Elba Ministerial Association will host a Baccalaureate service for Elba High School's Class of 2019 on Sunday, May 19, at 3 p.m. at Elba First Assembly of God Church, Highland Drive in Elba.

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CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

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Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting ... 6:00 p.m.

DAIMONIUS BAPT. CHURCH

Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service ... 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH

Dale Morgan, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training ... 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting ... 7:00 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL

Phillip Adcock, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:15 p.m.

1ST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON

Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Philip Box, Minister
Bible Study ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service ... 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH

Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night ... 6:00 p.m.
Thur. Night ... 7:00 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE

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Sat. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service ... 10:00 a.m.
Sun. Evening ... 6:00 p.m.
Thur. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD

David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship ... 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF PROPHECY

H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
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ELBA CHURCH OF TABERNACLE

Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF THE BAPTIST

Tom Anderson, Interim Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Steve Renau, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:00 p.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Shirlie Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Sun. Evening ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Steve Renau, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH

Larry Mills, Pastor
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CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH

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Vs.

Roger Dale Noyes, a parcel of land in Coffee County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: beginning at the intersection of the north line of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 19, T5N, R20E with the East side of Alabama Highway No. 189 and thence S2°32'E (magnetic) along the East side of said highway 729.6 feet; thence S1°14'W along the East side of said highway 120.4 feet to the starting point; thence S4°29'W along the East side of said highway 100 feet; thence N86°8'E, 158 feet; thence N4°29'E, 100 feet; thence S86°8'W 157.56 feet to the starting point with said lot being in the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of section 19, T5N, R20E and containing 0.356 acres, more or less, and unknown parties who have any claim, title, interest in, or to said land, Defendants.

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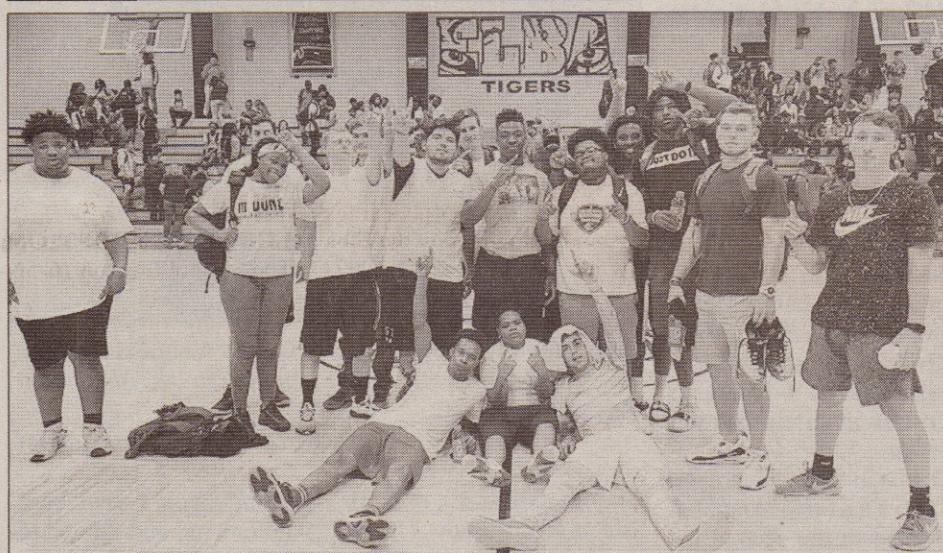
Several Elba High School FFA students competed Thursday, May 2, at the South District FFA contests. The Agriculture Mechan-

ics team finished in the silver category.

Desten Coone finished 5th as an individual in Ag mechanics.



College Signing Day at EHS... Wednesday, May 1, 2019 was College Signing Day. To celebrate, Elba High School seniors wore shirts to show where they have chosen to go to college next year. EHS faculty also wore college shirts, representing the schools they attended to get their degrees. Several of the seniors are pictured above proudly wearing their 'college of choice' shirts.

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The seniors team from last week's basketball game.

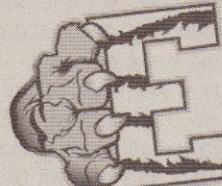
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The following are important dates to put on your calendar.

May 9, 2019 Pre-K Graduation 9 AM
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 May 16, 2019 4th Grade Bicentennial Wax Museum 9 AM
 May 17, 2019 1st – 3rd Awards 1 PM
 May 17, 2019 4th and 5th Grade Awards 8:30 AM
 May 17, 2019 7th – 11th Grade Awards Day 10 AM
 May 17, 2019 Spring Game at New Brockton 7 PM
 May 19, 2019 Baccalaureate @ First Assembly of God at 3 PM
 May 21, 2019 Senior Graduation 7 PM



Seniors having fun at the Faculty vs Seniors basketball game!


Elba High celebrates Bicentennial Project completion

Elba High School hosted a Bicentennial Celebration on Tuesday, April 30th.

This celebration showcased the various projects students completed to celebrate Alabama's birthday and the city of Elba. It began with a mini-play, created by former EHS English teacher Kathy Pattie and her class, that explained the history of the City of Elba. The play was followed by Jean Helms, a former EHS history teacher who is knowledgeable about the floods. She spoke about the floods and how the community of Elba is a strong one where in the time of need people pull together and help one another.

This was followed by the showing of a 30-minute documentary describing what happened during each flood.

The celebration ended with a reception where attendees celebrated Alabama's 200th birthday with cake.

Spring football training underway

The week of April 29th started the first week of spring training for the Elba Football Tigers.

The spring is where the football players begin to focus their efforts in preparing for the fall. Spring practice is for three weeks, and then a spring football game will be held Friday, May 17, at 7 p.m., at New Brockton.

Make plans to come out and support your Elba Tigers!



These Elba High students participated in a mini-play during the Elba High School Bicentennial Celebration that showcased the history of Elba.

Faculty outscores seniors in basketball game

For the final Faculty vs Senior game of the year, the game of choice was basketball.

In the beginning, seniors got a head start, gaining the first seven points in the game. The faculty soon rallied, however, and the score became very close, with the lead switching places often.

By the end of the second quarter the faculty had pulled into the lead. Seniors played hard, but in the end Faculty ended up winning the game 54-24.



The faculty and seniors took on one another in basketball last week with the faculty getting the win!



The faculty team won the Faculty vs Seniors basketball game last week

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson really enjoys going to school, and unlike many of his classmates isn't looking forward to summer vacation. He told me last week that he needs a couple of days off to "chill-lax," but is looking forward to being a third grader and will be happy to head back in early August. If the summer goes as fast as the school year did, he will be back behind a desk sooner than he really wants.

For what it is worth....

*** **The Elba Lady Tigers fell one win short** of making a return trip to the South Regional tournament in Gulf Shores, but really got better and better late in the season and by the time they hung up their cleats last week had turned into a pretty good high school softball team. The Lady Tigers had lost to Kinston three times during the season by average of eight runs per game and many thought they had no chance in the finals of the elimination bracket at last week's area tournament, but battled until the final out and dropped a 4-3 decision to close out the season. The Lady Tigers posted double-digit wins for the second straight season, and with only two seniors on this year's team, appear sold for years to come. It was a disappointing end for the Elba girls. However, they made their fans proud and won the admiration of their opponents. Good job!

**** **Last week's area softball tournaments** were filled with excitement as Brantley and New Brockton both won area titles, Kinston advanced to regional play and Zion Chapel pulled off a shocker. Brantley outscored its victims by a combined score of 40-0 in three games to keep the area title at home in its quest for its fifth state championship in the last six years, while New Brockton bounced back from a big loss in second round play to win three straight games to raise the area championship plaque high on its home field. Kinston was no match for Brantley, but placed second in the area and has a solid shot at advancing to the state tourney, and Zion Chapel entered its area tournament as the #4 seed and went and knocked off top seed Luverne in the opening round. It was an exciting season for all the teams in the area and hopefully the best is yet to come.

*** **The Elba Tigers were hard at work last week** on the practice field and late in the week put on the pads and got down to business and had the pads popping. The Tigers will face New Brockton in a spring game next week and while all the fans from both schools are excited, the players are hard at work and doing their best to impress their coaches and earn a spot in the line up. Coach Harrison has warned me that the playbook on offense may be razor thin for the spring game, but was a little excited when he talked about the opening week of spring training, and you can tell he is looking forward to summer and the chance to install an offense and defense. Hey, football season is just a week away.

*** **Brantley High multi-sport standout Parker Driggers** put on a show last week at the state track meet in Cullman as he won a state title in both the 100-meter dash and shot put, finished second in the 200-meter dash and anchored the school's third place finish in the team 4 x 100 relay. He was without a doubt one of the meet's most decorated performers, and after watching him excel in both football and basketball, wasn't at all surprised. Brantley High School has been blessed with a number of outstanding athletes over the years, but none any better than Parker Driggers!

*** **The Coffee County Lake has started night fishing** on Saturday nights until 10 PM for all area anglers that are busy during the day or just want to wait until the temperature cools down a little. No boats are allowed on the water after dark, but fishing is allowed on the dam, on the main pier and along the bank to the first pavilion.

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Of regional berth

Elba Lady Tigers fall one win short

The Elba Lady Tigers saw their quest for a second straight appearance at the South Regional softball tournament fall one win short last week as their season came to an end after two losses at the 1A, Area 3 tournament, at Brantley.

Following are highlights of last week's area tournament action:

Kinston 9 Elba 2

The Elba Lady Tigers trailed only 2-1 heading into the bottom of the third inning, but then watched as Kinston broke loose late and pulled away to hand the Lady Tigers a 9-2 defeat.

Kinston combined four walks and one hit to jump out to a 2-0 lead in the second inning, but Elba rallied in the third and cut the lead to 2-1 when Victori Edwards led off with a single, pinch runner Aimee Senn stole second and third, and scored on an RBI single by Sandrea Lindsey.

Kinston added a lone run in its half of the inning and then banged out six hits in the fourth to open up a big 9-1 advantage, and while the Lady Tigers did add a run in the fifth when Jayla Gray singled, stole second and third, and then scored on a wild pitch, it was too little, too late, as the Lady Tigers dropped their tournament opener 9-2.

Jayla Gray had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead Elba at the plate, while Sandrea Lindsey added 1 hit and 1 RBI, Victori Edwards added 1 hit, and Aimee Senn scored 1 run.

Elba 22 Florala 5

The Elba Lady Tigers pulled ahead early and pulled away late to eliminate Florala 22-5, in a losers bracket contest.

Makinna Gray and Praise Edwards both had key base hits in the first inning to help the Lady Tigers jump out to an early 3-0 lead, and while Gray added an RBI single in the second and Edwards added a two-run double, the Lady Tigers led only 6-4 after two innings of play against the pesky Lady Cats.

RBI singles by Jayla Gray, Aimee Senn and Sandrea Lindsey helped Elba extend its lead to 9-4 in the top of the third, and the Lady Tigers then exploded for 13 runs in the fourth to bow the game open!

One-out singles by A'Maysia Whitfield and Jayla Gray sparked the Elba explosion, while Sandrea



Elba Lady Tigers were ready to hit the field last week at the area tournament, in Brantley. The Lady Tigers fell to Kinston 4-3 to end the season.

(Photo by Roberta Gideon)

Lindsey added a bases-loaded double and Jayla Gray added a two-run double as the Lady Tigers took complete command and rolled to the 22-5 win.

Sandrea Lindsey had 3 hits, scored 3 runs and knocked in 7 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Jayla Gray added 3 hits, scored 3 runs and had 3 RBI's; Makinna Gray added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 RBI's; Praise Edwards added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 3 RBI's; A'Maysia Whitfield added 2 hits and scored 2 runs; Aimee Senn added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and had 1 RBI; McKenzie Hooks added 1 hit and scored 2 runs; Breanna Sanders was hit by a pitch four times and scored 4 runs; and, Jaylyn Baker drew 2 walks and scored 1 run.

Kinston 4 Elba 3

The Elba Lady Tigers saw a furious late inning rally fall one run short in a heartbreaking 4-3 loss to Kinston, in an elimination contest.

Kinston took advantage of two Elba errors to grab a 1-0 lead in the second inning and banged out five hits in the fifth to up its lead to 4-0, and appeared to be headed for an easy win.

Elba's Makinna Gray and Victori Edwards had the only Elba hits through five innings, and even though the Lady Tigers had four runners reach second base after walks and stolen bases, they still trailed 4-0 heading into the bottom of the sixth.

Makinna Gray ripped a double off the fence with

one out in the sixth to spark life into the Lady Tigers, and when A'Maysia Whitfield followed with a two-run homer over the fence in centerfield Elba had cut the lead in half at 4-2. Jaylyn Baker followed with a double and scored on a fielder's choice off the bat of Praise Edwards, and heading into the seventh the Lady Tigers had pulled within 4-3.

Elba was still down 4-3 heading into the bottom of the seventh and kept their comeback hopes alive after a walk to Aimee Senn. Senn

promptly stole second base with one out and moved to third on a groundout, but was still standing on third when the game ended as the final Lady Tiger batter took a called third strike.

A'Maysia Whitfield had 2 hits, scored 1 run and knocked in 2 runs with a two-run homer to lead Elba at the plate, while Makinna

Gray added 2 hits and scored 1 run, Jaylyn Baker added 1 hit and scored 1 run, Victori Edwards added 1 hit, and Praise Edwards had 1 RBI.



Elba Lady Tiger seniors (l-r) A'Maysia Whitfield and Sandrea Lindsey both took home a home-run ball this season after roundtrippers.

(Photo by Roberta Gideon)

Pads were popping at Elba Tiger spring practice

The Elba Tigers kicked off spring football practice last week with over fifty players taking part in afternoon drills, and Elba Tiger head coach Pate Harrison reported that the opening week of drills had

likes to hit
and who
doesn't mind
getting hit."

"When we put

on the pads we

ran a lot of

one-on-one

drills with

the best

against the best to challenge

the players," added Harrison,

"and the players got excited

and actually called

each other out for contact

drills. Football is a physical

sport and to play it a player

has to be physical, and we

found out last week that we

have some players that love

it. It was a tough practice to be sure, but one that did everyone some good."

"This week we will pull

back on the hitting and

begin to install a few plays

on offense and remind ev-

eryone what we do on de-

fense," said Harrison. "We

may have only four or five

plays in the spring

next week. However, we

hope to have those plays

down and expect to be suc-

cessful when we line up and

snap the ball. Over on de-

fense we will work on

things we did last season

and try to get better. We

have some players back on

both sides of the ball that

are proven winners and

have been to war with us,

and we look for them to be

leaders as we move for-

ward."

"We have a couple of key

positions to fill before next

season starts and we will

work a lot of players in

those spots in the spring,"

added Harrison. "We still

have the summer to get a

lot of work done and to get

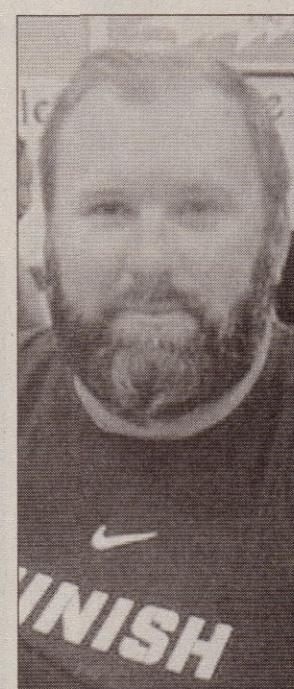
ready for the season, but

right now we will continue

to work on fundamentals

and try to make sure every-

one is in their right position



PATE HARRISON

to best help the team. We have a lot of work to do, but have the players to make sure we get that work done and will lean on their leadership as we work and move forward."

The Elba-New Brockton spring game will be held on Friday, May 17, at 7:00, at Gamecock Stadium, in New Brockton.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



LBW Community College in Opp recently recognized Hannah Hakimov of Elba, right, with the 2019 Outstanding Biology Award, presented by Shannan Spurlin, biology and chemistry faculty.

NOTICE:

The Elba Senior Citizens Center will host Tai Chi classes Thursdays, May 16th and May 23rd, at 12 noon. There is no cost to participate. Register at the Elba Senior Citizens Center. Call 334-897-3019 for more information.

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CCYLP conducts graduation ceremony for students

The Coffee County Youth Leadership Program (CCYLP) recently wrapped up the 2018-2019 program year with a Graduate Reception at the National Security Conference Center in Elba, Ala.

Twenty-two high school juniors were selected to participate in the program which included sessions on leadership and team building, healthcare, local government, community resources, agriculture and industry, and state government. Students also spent time giving back to the community by assisting with community service projects such as Toys for Tots and the Community Garden in Elba.

In addition to attending monthly leadership sessions, the students were afforded a special opportunity this year to participate in the first annual Wiregrass Power of YOUTH Summit. The day-long Summit included not only the Coffee County youth leadership group, but also the youth leadership programs from Dale, Geneva, Henry, and Houston Counties. It was a great day of collaboration and networking that provided students with opportunities to learn important workplace skills such as: social media etiquette, resume writing, job interview, critical thinking, and team work from business leaders from Alabama Power, Southeast Alabama Works, AIDT, the City of Ozark, and the Alabama Department of Commerce.

** Not pictured: Lucas Doyle (Home-schooled)



Participants recognized from Elba High School (Pictured with Principal Wynn Grimes) include from left to right: Elizabeth Woodham, Isaac Watkins, Lynsey Manning, Lauren Haley, Levi Carnley, and Kymbria Bimbo.



Participants recognized from Kinston High School (Pictured with Principal Danny Branch) include from left to right: Becca Senn, Brooke Macon, Calli Dean, and Michaela Cooper.



Participants recognized from Zion Chapel High School (Pictured with Principal Dr. Vohn Enloe) include from left to right: Abigail Henley & Molli McLeod.



Participants recognized from New Brockton High School (Pictured with Principal Alonzo Barkley) include from left to right: Jayleana Teele, Destiny Hataway, and Maddison Bragg.



Participants recognized from Enterprise High School (Pictured with Assistant Superintendent Dr. Zel Thomas) include from left to right: Mary Rives Marques, Ashley-Sinclair Curtis, Mackenzie Capehart, Drew Williams, Tayler Boynton, and Kyndall Boynton.

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